

A New Genus of Psychides. (With Plate I.)

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In my "Notes on the Psychides" in the *Ent. Record*, XXXV. p. 9, 1923, I placed the species *vestalis* tentatively under a separate heading as, although agreeing generally with the genus *Bijugis*, in which it had hitherto been placed, it has no trace of a spur on the anterior tibia. This species has been distributed under the name *Psychidea vestalis*. In the British Museum collection there were, when I went through them, four male specimens in the Hoffmann collection, but I have seen no others, except such as have subsequently come into my hands. In my possession there appear to be four distinct species, which are spurless; some were sent to me as *nudella*, to which they bear a close resemblance, but can readily be separated by the short spur in *nudella*. These specimens are markedly smaller than any species included in either the genus *Psychidea* or in the genus *Bijugis*. The wings are inclined to be on the narrow side and not so broad in proportion as the well known *casta*, nor have they the curved costa of the latter species. In colour the wings are grey to white. The fringes are pale, and in a strong light conspicuously white. The antennae are well pectinated and pointed, the pectinations being of medium length throughout, only diminishing near the point. To this genus I assign the name **Acentra** from the Greek *a*, without, and *kentron*, point or spur, the absence of the anterior tibial spur being the chief point of differentiation from allied genera.

1. *Acentra vestalis*.—The form to which I restrict the specific name *vestalis* and of which I have three specimens, is the smallest species of this genus I have met with. No. 951 type of genus. The wing measurement 10mm. The colour of these three is pure white without admixture of grey; all are from Hungary. Case slender, long, cylindrical.

2. *Acentra* sp.?—The two largest specimens I have, both obtained from Vienna through the kindness of Dr. Zerny, of which the colour is light grey and without markings. The wing measurement 17mm. Case, stouter, not much longer.

3. *Acentra* sp.?—One specimen, intermediate in size between No. 1 and No. 2 is of a very pale grey colour and markingless. It is also from the Vienna neighbourhood. The wing measurement 12mm.

4. *Acentra* sp.?—Two specimens (one, body gummed on and therefore doubtful) slightly larger than No. 1 and of the pure coloration of number 1. The reliable example is from Digne. The wing measurement 11mm. Case, very short, somewhat stout, but sharply pointed.

The differentiation of these four suggested species is supported by the evidence of the genitalia. But the material at present is quite insufficient to justify bestowing a specific name. These all belong to the "*Fumea* form" group in my Resumé in the *Ent. Record*, XXXV., p. 133, the sacculus is V-shaped and not hooked, the 7th emarginate.